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1. Units of allegedly more than ten thousand troops were located at the newly established troop training grounds of Schorfheide (N 53/U 80). Troops were no longer observed to arrive there after 12 June 1949. Camouflaged tanks were seen parked in the woods near a large troop camp at KANNENBURG, i.e. about six miles north of ZEHDENICK (N 53/U 70). No troops were seen maneuvering until mid-June 1949.
2. Large quantities of ammunition, reported to be mostly tank ammunition, were shipped to the training grounds and stored in earth bunkers at the time of observation. No German workers were allowed to enter the ammunition storage area.
3. The troops located at the Schorfheide drew ration supplies from TEMPLIN (N 54/U 81) and LIEBENWALDE (N 53/Z 79).
4. Construction work at the new training grounds was still going on at the time of observation. Lumbermen stated that the completion of the construction work was scheduled for mid-August 1949. All cantonment buildings were winterized.
5. Several localities in the area of the troop training grounds were being evacuated by the civilian population at the time of observation.

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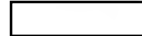
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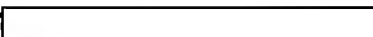
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6.  Comment:

a. The "Schorfheide troop training grounds" is rather safely assumed to be identical to the "TEMPLIN training area".

b. According to numerous other reports, component units of both the 6th Gds Meez Div (Cadre) and the 25th Tank Div (Cadre), 14 units of the Fourth Gds Meez Army (Cadre) and troop units from PRANZLAU arrived in the TEMPLIN training area in June 1949.

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